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## **SOUTH DAKOTA HONEY PRODUCTION**

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D. March 19, 2020** - Honey production in 2019 from South Dakota producers with five or more colonies totaled 19.4 million pounds, up 62 percent from 2018, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. South Dakota ranked second in the nation for honey production.

There were 270,000 honey producing colonies in South Dakota during 2019, up 6 percent from 2018. Average yield was 72 pounds per colony, up 25 pounds from 2018. Producer stocks were 7.58 million pounds on December 15, 2019 up from 5.15 million pounds a year earlier.

Prices for the 2019 crop averaged \$1.53 per pound, down from \$1.91 per pound in 2018. Prices were based on retail sales by producers and sales to private processors and cooperatives. Total value of honey produced in 2019 was \$29.7 million, up 30 percent from 2018.

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